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## Lowell National Historical Park News Release

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### Lowell Kids' Week, February 15-22

Lowell National Historical Park, the City of Lowell, and other local and private organizations have planned 8 fun-filled days of games, crafts, storytelling, and interactive programs to take place during February school vacation week. Most activities are free of charge. With some programs, class size is limited and pre-registration is strongly recommended. For more information you can call Lowell National Historical Park at (978) 970-5000 Monday-Friday. For those with hearing impairment, call TDD at (978) 970-5002. Reservations may be made beginning February 4<sup>th</sup>. If you cannot attend an event for which you did register, please call to cancel to make room for someone else. In case of bad weather, listen to WCAP 980 AM for possible cancellations.

#### Special programs that fall during Kids' Week:

##### **Feb. 15 through 22      2nd Annual Boys Hoop Jamboree    (Time TBA)**

The second annual Lowell Parks and Recreation Boys Hoop Jamboree will be held at the Rogers School. If you coach a team, if you are a parent or friend of a current basketball player who is playing in a league, or if you can formulate a team, come and join us! There is no admission charge at the door and there is no entrance fee for the team. *Participants cannot turn 15 before January 1, 2003.* Limit 15. For more information, please call Larry at (978) 851-8215. Pre-registration is required. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation.

##### **New! Feb. 15 through 22      1st Annual Girls Hoop Jamboree    (Time TBA)**

The first annual Lowell Parks and Recreation Girls Hoop Jamboree will be held at Lowell Boys and Girls Club. To participate, you need a coach, 10-15 girls, same color shirts, and be able to play at least two games. Come and join us! There is no admission charge at the door and there is no entrance fee for the team. *Participants cannot turn 15 before January 1, 2003.* Limit 15. For more information, please call Peter at (978) 970-4034. Pre-registration is required. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation.

##### **Ongoing      Become a Junior Ranger**

Becoming a Junior Park Ranger is a great way to learn about the city's past and its people. The National Park Service offers this program in many of its parks and sites. Pick up a copy of Lowell National Historical Park's Junior Ranger Activity Guide at the Visitor Center. Complete three pages and do 2 extra activities to earn a badge! Ages 8 – 12. Check out our website at [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov) to learn about this and other National Park programs and sites.

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## **Opens February 14th                      Wonders of the World IV: Playland**

An arcade exhibit of interactive art created by over 100 artists. Presented by the Revolving Museum at 22 Shattuck Street. Adult must accompany children. For more information, please call (978) 937-2787 or see the website at [www.revolvingmuseum.org](http://www.revolvingmuseum.org). Gallery Hours: Thursday & Friday 12 noon-7pm, Saturday & Sunday 12 noon-4pm.

## **Ongoing                                      Library Passes**

The Pollard Library has passes that allow free admission to various museums. These passes can be signed out by adults who have library privileges. You can find out more at the library, 401 Merrimack Street. Vacation week is a great time to visit new places!

## **Monday, February 17**

### **10:30-11:15 am                              DINOMAN!**

A day of science that never gets boring! From his pet raccoon "Reflex" to the astounding discoveries found at the end of the performance, DINOMAN! takes charge in the hunt for animals from the Mesozoic era. Once the performance is over, the workshops can begin. Spiders in amber, gastroliths, petrified wood, and of course, real dinosaur bones are discussed in smaller class-sized groups surrounded by three life-sized dinosaurs. Each student has the opportunity to touch these fossils and discuss the giants from our past. An unforgettable experience for the young, the old, and everyone in between! All ages. No limit. Presented by Lowell National Historical Park at the Visitor Center, 246 Market St.

### **12:30-1:15 pm                              The Ever-Popular Singing Silly Songs!**

Come listen, join in, and sing the songs that entertained people for generations. Help carry on the tradition! All ages. No limit. Presented by Lowell National Historical Park at the Visitor Center, 246 Market St.

### **12:30, 1:00 & 1:30 pm                      Workshops with DINOMAN!**

Dinoman discusses and gives everyone the opportunity to feel and examine bugs in amber, petrified wood, gastroliths, and real dinosaur bones. Here kids can ask questions, make observations, and get a more in-depth look at these creatures from our past. All ages. Each workshop limited to 25. Presented by Lowell National Historical Park at the Visitor Center, 246 Market St. Reservations are required, please call Lowell National Historical Park at (978) 970-5000.

## **Tuesday, February 18**

### **9:30-10:30 am                              Make a "Hand"-some Wreath**

Celebrate this snowy season with a "handy" craft project. Use your own handprint to fashion a simple winter wreath. Ages 6-8. Adult must accompany children. Limit 10. Presented by Lowell National Historical Park at the Boott Cotton Mill Museum, 5th floor, 400 Foot of John Street. Reservations are required, please call Lowell National Historical Park at (978) 970-5000 M-F.

### **9:30-11:00 am                              Gnomes in Your Homes**

Sew a troop of gnomes from felt! Make several standing gnomes you can use to decorate your room. Ages 9 - 12. Limit 15. Presented by the American Textile History Museum at 491 Dutton Street. Reservations are required, please call (978) 441-0400 ext. 244.

### **2:00-3:00 pm                              Paint Your Own Ceramic Class**

This ever-popular program will be offered today by the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lowell. Ages 6-11. Limit 15. Reservations are needed, please call Tony or Milagros (978) 458-4526 ext. 14.

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**10:00-11:30 am**

**Soap On a Rope**

Come and create Soap On a Rope! This creation can either be used as a gift or used in your own home. Ages 9 and up. Adult must accompany children under 9. No limit. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation at the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St.

**11:00 am-12:00 noon**

**Make a Fashionable Victorian-style Hand Fan**

The folding fan was probably invented in Japan and was introduced to America in the 1700's. These costume accessories became very fashionable during the 19th century and an entire language developed around their use. What can you say with a fan? Come make your own and learn the language of fans. Ages 7-15. Adult must accompany children under 10. Limit 25. Presented by the Lowell National Historical Park at the Boott Cotton Mill Museum, 5th floor, 400 Foot of John St. Reservations are required, please call (978) 970-5000 M-F.

**12:00 noon- 12:45 pm**

**Hey, That's a Wild Animal!**

Come listen to a story about living with wildlife and learn about your wild neighbors. We will make a bird feeder and a bat clip for you to take home. Ages 5-9. Adult must accompany children. Limit 15. Presented by Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals at the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St. Reservations required, please call (978) 970-5000 M-F.

**12:00 noon-2:00 pm**

**Splashing, Bobbing, and Diving at Lowell High School Pool**

Join us for this fun-filled activity! Ages potty-trained and up. *Parent, guardian, or responsible adult must accompany children under 4 feet tall.* No limit. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation.

**1:00-2:00 pm**

**More Silly Songs!**

Come listen, join in, and sing the songs that entertained people for generations. Help carry on the tradition! All ages. No limit. Presented by Lowell National Historical Park at Visitor Center, 246 Market St.

**1:00-3:00 pm**

**Stars, Stars, and More Stars**

Cut, color, glue, and stitch all types of stars. Ages 5-9. Adult must accompany children. Limit 10. Presented by New England Quilt Museum at 18 Shattuck Street. Reservations are required, please call Lowell National Historical Park at (978) 970-5000 M-F.

**1:00-4:00 pm**

**"Make a Snowman" Drop-In Craft**

The weather outside is frosty and frightful! Stop in to make a fluffy snowman craft. Ages 4 and older. Adult must accompany children under 8. No limit. Presented by the Pollard Memorial Library Children's Department at 401 Merrimack Street.

**2:00-3:30 pm**

**Lowell's Favorite Game?**

What is Lowell's Favorite Game? Ask an adult! This game can be played with you and a friend or with you and several of your friends. Anyone who grew up in Lowell knows of this game. Come and continue this tradition. Ages 7 and up. Adult must accompany children under 7. No limit. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation at Boott Cotton Mill Museum, 5th floor, 400 Foot of John Street.

**2:00-3:00 pm**

**Become a Canal Engineer**

Design, build, and operate a canal system just as the Proprietors of Locks and Canals did in Lowell in the early 1800's. All participants will get hands-on canal building experience (no experience required). Be ready to have a great time and maybe get a little bit wet! Ages 6 – 12. Adult supervision required for children 10 and under. Limit 20. Presented by the Tsongas Industrial History Center at the Boott Cotton Mills Museum, 3rd Floor, 400 Foot of John St. Reservations are required, please call Lowell National Historical Park at (978) 970 – 5000 M-F.

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## **Wednesday, February 19**

### **(Call for Time) Open Family Swim**

This swim is sponsored by the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Lowell. Please call Tony or Milagros at (978) 458-4526 ext.14 for more information.

### **9:30-11:00 am Lunch-Bag Scrap Book**

Make a memory book in which you can write your secret thoughts and store your special treasures. Ages 10-12. Limit 15. Presented by the American Textile History Museum at 491 Dutton Street. Reservations are required, please call (978) 441-0400 ext. 244.

### **10:00-11:30 am Under The Ocean**

Explore the underwater world of fanciful fish. Children will construct whimsical fish using a wide assortment of art media. Ages 8 – 12. Limit 8. Presented by the Brush Art Gallery at 256 Market St. Reservations are required, please call Lowell National Historical Park at (978) 970-5000 M-F.

### **10:00-10:45 am Lowell-The Cotton Cloth Explosion**

Explore the invention of the Cotton Gin and learn how this invention helped change cloth making here in New England and in Lowell. Children will operate a working model of a Cotton Gin and create their own inventions to help get the seeds out of the cotton. Ages 6 – 12, but all ages welcome to attend! Adult supervision required for children 10 and under. Limit 30. Presented by the Tsongas Industrial History Center at the Boott Cotton Mills Museum, 5th Floor, 400 Foot of John St. Reservations are required, please call Lowell National Historical Park at (978) 970 – 5000 M-F.

### **10:00-10:30 am Reading Ranger**

Stop in to the Lowell National Historical Park's Visitor Center to hear a story or two with a park ranger in the Children's Corner. Ages 5 and older. Adult must accompany children. Limit 10. Presented by Lowell National Historical Park at the Visitor Center, 246 Market Street. Reservations are required, please call Lowell National Historical Park at (978) 970-5000 M-F.

### **10:00-11:30 am Clay and Paint**

Oatmeal is not just for breakfast anymore! Learn how to make clay from a breakfast cereal. Mold your own design and then paint your finished project. Ages 8 and up. Adult must accompany children under 8. No limit. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation at the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St.

### **11:00 am-12:00 noon Is It Trash or Treasure?**

Did you know that archeologists work in Lowell? Archeology helps us understand people of the past by studying the things they owned, made, threw out or destroyed. Join a National Park Service archeologist and park ranger to learn how historical mysteries are investigated and how the National Park Service protects them. Try being a history detective using information from the recent Kirk Street Agents' House dig! Ages 8-13. Limit 16. Presented at the Boott Cotton Mills Museum, 5th floor, 400 Foot of John St. Reservations are required, please call (978) 970-5000 M-F.

### **11:30 am-1:00 pm Sprinkle Sand Art**

Ever wonder what changes the color of sand? Become skilled at coloring sand. The colored sand that you create can then be used to create your own picture, or you can choose from a variety of pictures. Ages 8 and up. Adult must accompany children under 8. No limit. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation at the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St.

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**12:00 noon-3:00 pm                      Create, Color, and Draw**

Stop by! Drop in! Express your thoughts about Winter Time Fun into an artistic drawing that will be exhibited in the front window of the Mack Building when it's done. Make sure to stop by to see your artwork after vacation week ends! All ages. No limit. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation at 25 Shattuck Street.

**1:00-2:30 pm                                  Under The Ocean**

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**1:00-4:00 pm                                  "Make a Mardi Gras Mask" Drop-In Craft**

Mardi Gras is the day before Ash Wednesday, so it falls at a different time every year. This year it falls on March 4, and for the next few years it will fall in February. Stop in to make a colorful Mardi-Gras mask... and maybe find out more about the celebration while you are at the library! Ages 4 and older. Adult must accompany children under 8. No limit. Presented by the Pollard Memorial Library Children's Department at 401 Merrimack Street.

**1:00-2:30 pm                                  Beads, Beads, and More Beads**

Join us to concoct a wonderful project using beads. This project is one that you can take with you to show all your friends and family. Ages 9 and up. Adult must accompany children under 9. No limit. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation at the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St.

**2:00-4:00 pm                                  Victorian Tea**

Put on your dressiest clothes and come to the Whistler House Museum of Art for an authentic Victorian tea! Complete with china cups, silver tongs, and English scones with jam and whipped cream! Learn about New England artists and their work as you sip on cinnamon apple tea. Ages 7 - 12. Limit 6. Presented by the Whistler House Museum of Art, 243 Worthen Street. Reservations are required, please call (978) 452-7641.

**3:00-4:00 pm                                  Plates for Comfort Food**

Decorate a paper plate to show your favorite food! Your art will become part of the Lowell Women's Week public art show called "**Bake It 'til It's Done: Comfort Food.**" You can look for your plate in the windows of downtown shops during Lowell Women's Week, March 1-9, 2003. Limit 30. Presented by Lowell National Historical Park at the Visitor Center, 246 Market Street. Reservations are required, please call Lowell National Historical Park at (978) 970-5000 M-F.

**4:00-5:00 pm                                  Irish Step Dance**

The age-old art form of Irish step dance incorporates jumps, leaps, and lots of fancy footwork. Come learn the basics. You'll be tapping, jumping, and dancing in no time!! Ages 6 - 12. Adult must accompany children under 9. Limit 15. Presented by Girls Incorporated of Greater Lowell at 220 Worthen Street. Reservations are required, please call Lowell National Historical Park at (978) 970 - 5000 M-F.

**Thursday, February 20**

**9:30-11:00 am                                  Puppetry Workshop**

Create a variety of puppets from different cultures. Pop-up puppets, palm puppets, and simple marionettes come to life in your hands! Ages 7-12. Limit 15. Presented by the American Textile History Museum, 491 Dutton Street. Reservations are required, please call (978) 441-0400 ext. 244.

**10:00-11:30 am**

**Spontaneous Watercolor**

Children will discover the spontaneous nature of watercolor paints. Create projects using assorted paper and painting techniques. Ages 8 – 12. Limit 8. Presented by Brush Art Gallery, 256 Market Street. Reservations are required, please call Lowell National Historical Park at (978) 970 – 5000 M-F.

**10:00-11:30 am**

**Don't Like the Rules of the Game?**

This is your big chance to make your own rules! You will be given the opportunity to create, develop, and implement your own ideas of what the rules should be for the game you have created. You will be able to take this game home to play it with your friends or family. Ages 9 and up. Adult must accompany children under 9. No limit. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation at the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St.

**10:00 am-12:00 pm**

**Design Your Own T-Shirt**

In this printmaking workshop, you will view our exhibit “Imprints” which features various printmaking techniques used by turn of the century artists. With a variety of materials, you will also print a design on a T-Shirt. Ages 8-12. Limit 8. Presented by the Whistler House Museum of Art at 243 Worthen Street. Reservations are required, please call (978) 452-7641.

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**12:30-1:30 pm**

**Cross Stitch**

Cross stitching is a fun way to learn to handle a sewing needle. Come learn how. Make a little something to take home. We'll have you in stitches! Ages 10 and older: old enough to use a **sharp** needle. Adult must accompany children under 10. Limit 15. Presented by Lowell National Historical Park at the Visitor Center, 246 Market St. Reservations are required, please call Lowell National Historical Park at (978) 970-5000 M-F.

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**2:00-3:00 pm**

**Creating Cloth**

If you've ever wondered about how the clothing that you wear every day is made, this program is for you! In Creating Cloth, participants will learn how cloth is made through weaving and create their own piece of cloth. Learn the difference between warp and weft and have fun in the process. Ages 6 – 12. Adult supervision required for children 10 and under. Limit 20. Presented by the Tsongas Industrial History Center at the Boott Cotton Mills Museum, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. Reservations are required, please call Lowell National Historical Park at (978) 970-5000 M-F.

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**2:00-3:30 pm**

**Macaroni Craft**

Wagon Wheels, Bows, Elbows, and other shapes!! What artistic design can you fabricate from these macaroni pieces? Make a project that can be given as a present or brought home for you to display. Ages 9 and up. Adult must accompany children under 9. No limit. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation at the Boott Cotton Mills Museum, 5th floor, 400 Foot of John St.

**Friday, February 21**

**10:00-11:30 am**

**Balloon Magic**

It's so EASY! It's MAGIC! Entertain your family and friends after you have learned this marvelous skill that clowns and magicians use to delight their audiences. In this session, you will learn how to form several balloon objects. Ages 9 and up. Adult must accompany children under 9. No limit. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation at the Lowell National Historical Park Visitor Center, 246 Market St.

**10:00 am-1:00 pm**

**Create, Color, and Draw**

Tropical! Animals! Jungle! What does your mind's eye see? Come and put those visions on our mural that will be exhibited in the front window of the Mack Building when it's done. Make sure to stop by to see your artwork after vacation week ends! All ages. No limit. Presented by Lowell Parks and Recreation at 25 Shattuck Street.

**11:30 am-12:15 pm**

**Picnic in the Bookstore**

Join us for a picnic in the bookstore as a guest storyteller entertains us with adventurous tales from several of our favorite books. We will provide a picnic lunch of peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, chips, apples, and juice. Ages 4-8. Adult must accompany children. Limit 35. Presented by Barnes and Noble Downtown Lowell, 151 Merrimack Street. Reservations are required, please call (978) 458-3939.

**11:30 am-1:00 pm**

**Clay and Paint**

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**1:30-3:00 pm**

**Cambodian Dance: For Kids/ By Kids**

Learn the lively Cambodian Coconut Dance and the fast-paced Pestle Dance. Try a few feisty "monkey" moves! This is a hands-on workshop led by professional youth dancers from the Angkor Dance Troupe. Ages 8-12. Limit 20. Presented by Angkor Dance Troupe at the Mogan Cultural Center, 40 French Street, 3rd floor. Reservations are required, please call Lowell National Historical Park at (978) 970-5000 M-F.

**We would like to acknowledge and thank all of the sponsors of KIDS' WEEK 2003:**

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